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Analysis: Gov. Rauner's education plan would send more money to almost every school district in Illinois

*School districts in Elgin, Rockford, Waukegan, Aurora and Peoria would
see significant funding increases*

SPRINGFIELD (Aug. 12, 2017) - Gov. Bruce Rauner's plan to reform the school funding formula would send more money to the neediest school districts in Illinois, according to an analysis released today by the Illinois State Board of Education.

ISBE's analysis found that 97.5 percent of the 852 school districts in Illinois receive more state funding under the governor's plan compared to Senate Bill 1, as written. Under the governor's plan, no school district would receive less funding this upcoming school year than it received last year.

"This is what equity and fairness in education funding looks like," Gov. Rauner said. "Improving Illinois' education system has been my top priority as governor. I made these changes to Senate Bill 1 because that legislation fails to ensure fairness and equity for all children across Illinois. My changes guarantee that some of our state's neediest districts will receive significantly more funding."

The top-10 districts that will receive more funding under the governor's plan than SB 1 as it is written are:

* Elgin School District U-46: \$12.8 million more under the governor's plan compared to SB 1; of its total revenue, 29 percent comes from state funding, and 61 percent of its children are deemed to be in poverty

*Rockford School District 205: \$9.5 million more under the governor's plan compared to SB 1; of its total revenue, 39 percent comes from state funding, and 92 percent of its children are deemed to be in poverty

*Plainfield School District 202: \$7.9 million more under the governor's plan compared to SB 1; of its total revenue, 30 percent comes from state funding, and 25 percent of its children are deemed to be in poverty.

*Waukegan School District 60: \$6.6 million more under the governor's plan compared to SB 1; of its total revenue, 55 percent comes from state funding, and 92 percent of its children are deemed to be in poverty

*Oswego School District 308: \$5.4 million more under the governor's plan compared to SB 1; of its total revenue, 30 percent comes from state funding, and 21 percent of its children are deemed to be in poverty

*East Aurora School District 131: \$5.3 million more under the governor's plan compared to SB 1; of its total revenue, 60 percent comes from state funding, and 100 percent of its children are deemed to be in poverty

*West Aurora School District 129: \$4.2 million more under the governor's plan compared to SB 1; of its total revenue, 32 percent comes from state funding, and 63 percent of its children are deemed to be in poverty

*Joliet School District 86: \$4.1 million more under the governor's plan compared to SB 1; of its total revenue, 59 percent comes from state funding, and 90 percent of its children are deemed to be in poverty

*Valley View School District 365: \$4.0 million more under the governor's plan compared to SB 1; of its total revenue, 19 percent comes from state funding, and 53 percent of its children are deemed to be in poverty

*Peoria School District 150: \$4 million more under the governor's plan compared to SB 1; of its total revenue, 35 percent comes from state funding, and 91 percent of its children are deemed to be in poverty

The governor is urging lawmakers to quickly take action and uphold his amendatory veto. The governor's changes to Senate Bill 1 ensure enough resources flow to children in the neediest and most disadvantaged school districts across the state. Time is of the essence, especially since Democrats sat on SB1 for two months before sending it to the governor's desk on July 31.

For a district-by-district breakdown, download the ISBE analysis and other education funding data by clicking [here](#).

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